



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

: **MAIL STOP: RCE**

Shotaro MOCHIZUKI

: Docket No. 2003\_1428A

Serial No. 10/687,737

: Group Art Unit 3643

Filed October 20, 2003

: Examiner S. Nguyen

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
GRANULATED BODY FOR ABSORBING  
EXCRETION OF ANIMALS

: **Confirmation No. 9264**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2004, having a three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire December 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: